

January 14, 1943.

Rev. J. Fujimori
35-12-3
Manzanar, Calif.

Dear Mr. Fumimori:

Some time ago Dr. Frank H. Smith referred your name to me, and I wrote a letter to you in regard to a loan-library service for your camp. Since I have not as yet heard from you I suppose that perhaps you were not at the camp at that time, and that probably the letter has gone astray.

It is the aim of this library to supply the Japanese ministers and church workers in all the WRA camps with religious literature, and to accomplish this Dr. Smith has indicated to me one man in each camp who might act as representative of our library, and inform the other ministers of the books which we have to offer, explain the rules of our loan-service, and when books are sent, to take the responsibility of seeing that the books are returned on time, and are not lost.

I am enclosing a list of our library rules and recent books which are available, together with a list of older books. The rules stand as written, but with the addition that when a man makes a request for the first time his denomination ~~should~~ be listed for my record. ^{denominations} ~~they~~ may either request books through you, or drop me a card themselves.

Our library has been fortunate enough to receive the cooperation of six other seminaries both here in the West, and also in the East, so that by combining our resources we have formed collections of religious literature which are being sent to each WRA camp. Although the volumes are of older material in the main, we expect soon to have available funds with which to purchase new books for each camp. Each collection will stay in a camp for from three to six months, and then at a designated time all will be rotated to other camps. In other words you will receive a collection of books which will be semi-permanent in your camp. After a period of time I shall give you an address of another camp where you will send your collection, and you will in turn receive a new collection from some other camp. To make it easier to keep track of your collection I

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Mangonan, Cebu,
Feb. 18, 1943

Dear Mr. Stillson Judah:

Thank you for your several letters.

Indeed it is gratifying to know in time such as these when this world is full of bitterness, hatred and strife, there are few who still cling on to the ideal of the Kingdom of God, who try to practice the ideal of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

We appreciate very much for your service of assembling and loaning books to the Japanese ministers in the camps.

Here in Mangonan, we do not have many English speaking ministers. I am also well supplied with new books from my American friends. However, I am sure there will be a time when we need some particular books and then I shall depend upon you to help us out.

Sincerely

J. Fujimori

February 26, 1943.

The Rev. J. Fujimori.
35- 1e-4
Manzanar, California.

Dear Mr. Fujimori:

We have been fortunate in securing funds to purchase new books for the WRA camp libraries. These new books will be in part, current books, and in part, books selected from a large bibliography of books which represent what the professors of three theological seminaries consider the basic books in each field of the Christian religion. Thus other books both current and basic are being ordered for all the other camps, and each camp has its portion of books from this bibliography.

I have already placed the orders for the new books, and they will be sent directly from the publishers to you. They are:

Buttrick. Prayer.
Oxnam. Ethical Ideas of Jesus.
Farmer. Servant of the Word.
Temple. Christianity and the Social Order.

When these books arrive please write plainly on the inside of the front cover "WRA Camp Library." These books are to be a part of your semi-permanent library, so print carefully the authors and titles of these on your check-list sheet, when you receive it and your main collection from the Starr King School for the Ministry.

Hoping that these books will give you and the other Japanese Christian ministers and church workers in your camp many hours of interesting and profitable reading I remain

Yours very sincerely,

Stillson Judah, Librarian.

WAR RELOCATION CENTER
MANZANAR, CALIFORNIA

May 8, 1943.

The Pacific School of Religion,
1798 Scenic Avenue,
Berkeley.

Gentlemen:

Some time ago the custodian of the
Holbrook Loan Library sent to the Protestant
ministers of Manzanar a list of books contained
in the Loan Library. May I request that you
send two books which will be helpful to me in
the ministry here:

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Bainton The Church of our Fathers — *Parker*
Oesterley & Robinson
Hebrew Religion. —

Sent 5/19/43

I am a former member of the Japan Presbyterian
Mission and am coordinating the Protestant
work at Manzanar. I shall be glad to comply
with the rules of the Library, and am making
this request because upon my return from
Japan last autumn I was not able to take any
of my own books along.

Very sincerely yours,

H. G. Bovenkerk

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WAR RELOCATION CENTER
MANZANAR, CALIFORNIA

May 18, 1943.

Dr. Stillson Judah,--
Pacific School of Religion,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Dr. Judah:

May I beg your further assistance thru the loan
of several books.

The Christian Church at Manzanar is considering the giving of
several simple plays or dramas as a contribution to the community
summer program. Do you have any books of simple plays both
recreational yet with a religious influence. Perhaps something
like Marcus Bach's "Vespier Dramas" would be helpful.

Also, have you any material on Isaiah; we are conducting a study
class on the book of Isaiah. Have you anything about the life
and times of Isaiah or an analytical study of the book itself.

We would appreciate any assistance you can give us along this
line. The Christians in the Relocation Centers certainly are
obligated to you for making available the library resources
of your institution.

Very sincerely yours,

H.G. Bovenkerk

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May 20, 1943.

H.G. Bovenkerk
War Relocation Center
Manzanar, California.

Dear Mr. Bovenkerk:

By this time you should have received Oesterley's Hebrew Religion, which you requested. The other book was out.

I received your second letter this morning, and am sending you three books today, which I hope may be of some help to you.

Dr. Frank H. Smith had told me of your work there prior to your writing to me, and I am indeed glad to be able to serve you in any way I can. I hope that I may be able to persuade you to be the official representative of our library to the Japanese Christian ministers and people. Rev. Fujimori has courteously declined my offer of books on the grounds that he has enough books now, and the other Christian ministers do not speak English. Dr. Smith has told me that you would be working with the children, also. I should be very glad to help you build up a very small library of materials which you consider suitable. We are expecting a grant of money with which to buy books for the Japanese libraries, and these to be rotated among the various camps along with the other books sent from our library and other libraries. Perhaps if Fujimori is right, you might wish the Manzanar share to be spent on some special Religious Education materials which you could suggest. Then we could keep this little collection from rotating, so that you could have continued access to them for the "duration." I wish that you might sound out some of the ministers, and see if there is any current religious book which they would care to read.

Hoping that I may be of further service to you I am

Yours very sincerely,

Stillson Judah, Librarian.

P.S. Do you know whether Fujimori received the following books which I ordered for his camp library: Buttrick, Prayer; Oxnam Ethical Ideas of Jesus; Farmer, Servant of the Word; and Temple Christianity and the Social Order.?

September 22, 1943.

Rev. Junichi Fujimori
35-13-4
Manzanar, California.

Dear Mr. Fujimori:

Mr. Chapman has informed me of the books which you would like us to purchase for your use at Manzanar.

Blake. A lost passion.
Tawes. Lamps in the darkness.
Brown. A new order in the church.
Van Kirk. The religion and the world of tomorrow.
Flewelling. Survival of western culture.

These books are being ordered now, and will be sent directly to you from the publisher. If there are other requests which you have, please let me know.

When these books arrive please write plainly on the inside of the front cover "WRA Camp Library," and notify me.

We hope that you and the other Christian ministers and workers will derive much pleasure from these books.

Yours very sincerely,

Stillson Judah, Librarian.

December 4, 1943

Rev. Henry Bovenkerk
Manzanar, California

Dear Mr. Bovenkerk:

In a recent letter the Rev. Gordon Chapman indicated that you would be willing to take charge of the W.R.A. book collection at Manzanar.

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I wrote to Mr. Fujimori in September that we were ordering five new books to be added to the collection, ✓ Blake, A Lost Passion, ✓ Tawes, Lamps in the Darkness, ✓ Brown, A New Order in the Church, ✓ Van Kirk, Religion and the World of Tomorrow, and Flewelling, Survival of Western Culture. Due to a delay in placing the order these books may not as yet have arrived. When they do please write "WRA Camp Library" on the inside front cover, and add the titles to your book list. Please notify me so that I can check them on my list.

There is a limited amount of money available for the purchase of other new books. Will you send me the authors and titles of books you think would be of value at Manzanar?

Thanking you for taking charge of the book collection, and hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Stillson Judah
Librarian

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Manzanar Christian Church

(Protestant)

Church Office — 15-15

MANZANAR, CALIFORNIA

January 24, 1944.

Mr. Stillson, Judah, Librarian,
Pacific School of Religion,
1798 Scenic Avenue,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Mr. Judah:

Two days ago I received from the publishers the following books:

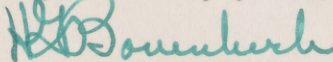
Lamps in the Darkness	Tawes
A Lost Passion	Blake
A New Order in the Church	Brown
Religion and the World of Tomorrow	Van Kirk

These correspond with the book titles which you sent to me in your letter of December 4, 1943. I have not yet received the book "Survival of Western Culture" by Flewelling.

The ministers of the local church join with me in warmest gratitude for this kind service you are granting us. I have already read Professor Brown's book, and the ministers eagerly divided the books among themselves for reading when I brought them to the meeting this morning.

While my personal tastes would be centered on books of a wider range, my judgement is that the local clergy would be primarily interested in books helpful in the actual preparation of sermons -- books of sermons by outstanding ministers with a conservative viewpoint.

Very sincerely yours,



H.G. Bovenkerk.

February 8, 1944

Rev. Henry Bovenkerk
c/o W.R.A.
Manzanar, California

Dear Mr. Bovenkerk:

I am glad to hear that four of the five books ordered for your camp in the fall have arrived. Have you any specific suggestions to make about the new books to be ordered or shall I use my judgment? The ministers in other camps have found Blackwood's books, Preaching from the Bible and Planning a Year's Pulpit Work, very useful. If you would care to suggest a title or two which would be of more immediate interest to you I shall be glad to order them.

As there has been a good deal of confusion in the various camps over the handling of these loan collections, it seems advisable to check them all now. Will you please fill out the enclosed card and return it to me? Nine titles (if you have by now received Flewelling's Survival of Western Culture) should have been added to the original list, as four books were ordered early in 1943.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Stillson Judah
Librarian

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Manzanar Center

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN PROMPTLY

How many titles were added to your original check list? _____

----- Do not know the number -----

Are there any books missing from the collection? I think so.

If so, how many?

List author and title below.

I know only of the four books which I mentioned in my letter of January 24th. I do know that last spring Rev. Fujimori received some books from you; he has relocated to Denver and none of the pastors here know anything of the books. I think the local clergy would be interested in Blackwood's books; anything of a conservative temper which would assist in the preparation of sermons would be welcome.

Sincerely yours,

Manzanar
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H. J. Bovenheek

PACIFIC SCHOOL OF RELIGION

1798 SCENIC AVENUE
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Stillson Judah
1798 Scenic Avenue
Berkeley, California

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Manzanar, California

March 13, 1944

Doctor Stillson Judah
Pacific School of Religion
1798 Scenic Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Judah:

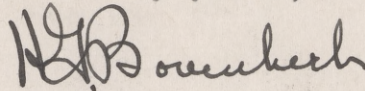
The book entitled The Survival of Western Culture by Flewelling has arrived just now, and I want to assure you that I personally will read it with interest and will encourage others to read it also.

Are these books which you have directed to us to be exclusively used locally, or are we to send them on to other relocation centers after they have been read here?

I would be interested to receive your instructions on this.

Thanking you for your unfailing interest in us I am,

Sincerely yours,



Henry G. Bovenkerk

30 March 1944

Rev. Henry G. Bovenkerk
c/o W.R.A.
Manzanar, California

Dear Rev. Bovenkerk:

No doubt you are wondering why you have not had a reply to your letter of March 13. I had just taken over Mr. Judah's position when your letter came, and I have been exceedingly busy.

The new books which were ordered to be sent to you, are to remain there as a unit until such time as I send you instructions as to where to send them. I have made no arrangements as yet concerning the next rotation of books.

Do you still have Oesterley's Hebrew religion borrowed from this library? We have the charge in our file and can not locate the book?

Very sincerely yours,

Dorothy Felter, Librarian

30 March 1944

Rev. Henry G. Bovenkerk
c/o W.R.A.
Manzanar, California

Dear Rev. Bovenkerk:

No doubt you are wondering why you have not had a reply to your letter of March 18. I have just taken over Mr. Judah's work for the duration, and I have been knee-deep in work. I have written a few letters whenever I have had the correspondence file out. The new books which were ordered to be sent to you, are to remain there as a gift until such time as I read your application as to where to send them. I have made no arrangements as yet concerning the next rotation of books.

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Very sincerely yours,

Dorothy Felster, Librarian

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War Relocation Center
Manzanar California
April 4, 1944

Miss Dorothy Felter,
Pacific School of Religion
Berkeley, California

Dear Miss Felter:

I am very grateful for
the instructions you gave in your March
30th letter about books being rotated as
units.

Last May (1943) your
library loaned me several books on
Israel which I used in a course of study
here. I returned these books in June
including Oesterley's "Hebrew Religion". Is
this copy missing from your records?

Sincerely,

H. B. Bonenherk